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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS

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1. YESTERDAY, I CALLED ON SIR EGERTON RICHARDSON, WHO IS SERVING AS DEPUTY CHIEF AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE JAMAICAN DELEGATION TO THE ALGIERS SUMMIT WHICH IS BEING HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER MANLEY. RICHARDSON IS WELL KNOWN TO THE DEPT AS JAMAICA'S FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE US. RICHARDSON INDICATED JAMAICAN DELEGATION CONTINUES TO BE AS IN REFTEL. I EXPRESSED SOME DEGREE OF CONCERN AT PRIME MINISTER MANLEY'S DECISION TO TRAVEL FROM PORT OF SPAIN TO ALGIERS WITH FIDEL CASTRO ON THE LATTER'S AIRCRAFT, SAYING THAT I HOPED DUE CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE PROBABLY NEGATIVE REACTION OF THIS DECISION ON PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION IN THE US. THIS LED TO A LITTLE EXCHANGE IN WHICH RICHARDSON ASKED IF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WAS LIKELY TO BE MORE CONCERNED THAN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT OR THE FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AT MANLEY'S DECISION. I RESPONDED BY ASKING WHICH OF THE THREE LEGISLATIVE BODIES WAS MORE IMPORTANT FOR JAMAICA'S INTERESTS? RICHARDSON SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THE DECISION

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WAS NOT YET FINAL (ALTHOUGH IT WAS ANNOUNCED TO THE PUBLIC IN

A GOVERNMENT PRESS RELEASE ON WEDNESDAY).

2. RICHARDSON EMPHASIZED ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL INTERESTS OF JAMAICA IN ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE NAN SUMMIT AND SAID THAT, WHILE HE DID NOT BELIEVE JAMAICA WOULD HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, GOJ EFFORTS WOULD BE DIRECTED AT GIVING SOME PRACTICAL EFFECT TO THE ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN ALREADY DEVELOPED BY THE NAN.

3. ON CAMBODIA, RICHARDSON SAID THE GOJ HAD DEVELOPED A POSITION BUT IT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE TO COMMUNICATE IT TO A COUNTRY NOT ATTENDING THE NAN SUMMIT AT THIS TIME SINCE JAMAICA'S POSITION HAD NOT YET BEEN SHARED WITH ANY NAN POWERS. HE INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSITIONS OF INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA, AND I HAD THE IMPRESSION THE GOJ WOULD WAFFLE THIS ISSUE SOMEWHAT.

4. ON THE TWO KOREAS, SOUTH VIETNAM, AND THE ISSUE OF DIVIDED NATIONS GENERALLY, RICHARDSON SAID THE GOJ HAS LONG HELD THE VIEW THAT BOTH SEGMENTS OF SUCH TERRITORIES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES BUT HAS REFRAINED FROM EXPRESSING THIS VIEW UNTIL WEST AND EAST GERMANY WORKED OUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP. SINCE THIS HAS NOW BEEN DONE, RICHARDSON INDICATED THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT THE GOJ WILL EXPRESS ITS POSITION ON DIVIDED NATIONS AT THE ALGIERS SUMMIT.

5. ON THE ARAB/ ISREALI DISPUTE, RICHARDSON INDICATED THAT THE GOJ HAD NO OFFICIAL POSITION AND WOULD SEEK TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT INsofar AS POSSIBLE.

6. ON PUERTO RICO, RICHARDSON SAID THAT THE GOJ HAD NO STRONG FEELINGS, BUT ADDED THAT JAMAICA WOULD NOT RPT NOT REGARD PUERTO RICO AS A CASE FALLING UNDER THE GENERAL HEADING OF NATINAL LIBERATION OF DECOLONIZATION BECAUSE OF ITS SELF GOVERNING CHARACTER AND SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US.

7. ON THE PANAMA CANAL, RICHARDSON SAID THAT IT WAS NOT AN ISSUE IN WHICH JAMAICA HAD BECOME INVOLVED AND ON WHICH GOJ HAD DEVELOPED A POSITION. HE THEN EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL FEELING THAT ALL INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS INCLUDING THE PANAMA AND SUEZ CANALS, THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTER, AND THE BOSPHOROUS

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SHOULD BE PLACED UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY AND CONTROL OF THE UN, AN OPINION THAT SEEMS LIKELY TO STARTLE THE PANAMANIANIS IF THEY LEARN OF IT.

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